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While in New York this fall our buyer purchased a special lot of fancy Cups and Saucers (50 dozen), and we are going to sell them at figures so low "you will think we are joking" when we tell you the price. The greatest value for the money ever known. Ladies are especially invited to see our "China Bargain Counter."

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We are now receiving that beautiful line of pianos your attention was called to a few days ago. They will have to be seen to be appreciated. We are carrying our same line—MEHLIN, HAINES and KROEGER PIANOS. An inspection of the MEHLIN will prove it to be the finest piano ever brought to the city. You are invited to call at

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BOWDRE SHOE COMPANY,  
110 South Jefferson street.

MEMBERS CANNOT BET  
New York, Dec. 7.—The members of the Stock Exchange to-day voted down an amendment to the law prohibiting all bets or offers to bet on the floor of the exchange. The law therefore remains in force and will be rigidly enforced.

## ULTIMATUM TO HAITI.

Given Eight Hours to Grant the German Demands.

IF GERMANY'S DEMAND FOR INDEMNITY IS NOT COMPLIED WITH BY THAT TIME A BOMBARDMENT OF PORT AU PRINCE MAY FOLLOW—THE HAITIANS WILL PROBABLY YIELD TO FORCE.

New York, Dec. 7.—The Press prints the following:

Port au Prince, Haiti, Dec. 6.—Two German cruisers entered this port this morning and an ultimatum from the German government was delivered to the Haitian government, giving the Haitians eight hours in which to grant the demands of Germany for an indemnity to Herr Lueders.

The members of the diplomatic corps here believe the government of the republic has decided to accept the conditions of Germany.

In anticipation of trouble, the citizens of German nationality sought refuge yesterday on board two steamers, which were at this port, and the French steamer Ville de Marseilles has arrived here on a requisition by the French minister, in order to serve as a place of refuge for French citizens here. The Ville de Marseilles came direct from Porto Rico.

The population appears calm, and the present indications seem to confirm the supposition that the government will accept the conditions imposed by Germany.

Kingston, Jam., Dec. 6.—Advises received here to-day from Port au Prince show that the streets are placarded with calls of "Down with the government," and the troops have been ordered into barracks.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The exact nature of Germany's demands on Haiti is as yet somewhat in doubt, but it is understood that the German government asks:

First—An indemnity of \$20,000 for Herr Lueders.

Second—The promise that Herr Lueders may return to Haiti and there sojourn without danger of any kind.

Third—A letter to the German government, in which Haiti will express apology for the proceedings toward the German government in the whole transaction.

Fourth—That the president of Haiti shall graciously receive the German Charge d'Affaires at Port au Prince. It is this fourth demand to which the most serious exception has been taken by the Haitian government, as affecting Haiti's honor and involving a deep humiliation, for it was Count Schwerin, the German Charge d'Affaires at Port au Prince, who went before President Simon Sam and rudely submitted the demand for indemnity and apology.

## GRAND COMMANDARY.

Seventy-fifth Annual Conclave Held Monday at Petersburg.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 7.—The seventy-fifth annual convocation of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Virginia began in the asylum of Appomattox Commandery in this city yesterday morning, Grand Commander E. H. Miller, of Danville, presiding. The address of welcome was made by Eminent Sir John E. Townes, of Petersburg, and the response by Past Grand Commander J. L. Avis, of Fredericksburg. The usual reports were presented and adopted. These reports show a considerable increase in the membership of the order. At the afternoon's session the following officers were elected:

James H. Capers, of Richmond, grand commander; P. T. Woodfin, of Old Point, deputy grand commander; B. F. Buchanan, of Marion, grand generalissimo; J. E. Alexander, of Alexandria, grand captain general; Rev. F. F. McFadden, of Lynchburg, grand prelate; Louis P. Becker, of Richmond, grand senior warden; John E. Townes, of Petersburg, grand junior warden; Geo. W. Poe, of Richmond, grand treasurer; James B. Blanks, of Petersburg, grand recorder; J. T. Lesner, of Bristol, grand standard-bearer; J. W. Bryant, of Crewe, grand sword-bearer; T. E. Schwartz, of Luray, grand warden; W. C. Wilkinson, of Richmond, grand captain of guard; F. W. Cunningham of Richmond, grand marshal.

The grand commandery voted to hold its next session in Richmond on Thursday before the second Tuesday in November, 1898.

The grand commandery had public services last night at Tabb street Presbyterian Church. The sermon was preached by Rev. F. F. McFadden, of Lynchburg, grand prelate. After the services at the church the grand commandery was tendered a banquet at the asylum of Appomattox Commandery. The banquet over, the commandery adjourned sine die.

## CHILDREN'S HATS—CHEAP.

A large variety of Hats, in all colors and fancy mixtures, for TO-DAY at 18 cents.

To please the childer, we place on sale TO-DAY, Felt Hats, in all colors, with fancy bindings, at the low figure of 25 cents. PALAIS ROYAL, M. Ludorsky, Proprietor, 101 Salem avenue.

## NOW IT IS A WIRE TRUST.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 7.—A \$50,000,000 company, said to be headed by J. Pierpont Morgan, has practically consolidated America's entire wire industry. The wire output and materials used in its composition will also, it is said, be controlled by this combine.

IN ORDER to save you dollars it would be to your own interest to call in person and inspect our great line of manufacturers' samples of clothing before

## THE RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

I. M. Andrews Will Succeed T. R. Tillett.

Council was called to order last night promptly at 8 o'clock and thirteen members answered to their names at roll call. Four other members came in later making the total number present seventeen. On motion the reading of the journal was dispensed with and the regular business taken up.

The first report read was from the mayor stating that he paid the delinquent taxes of 1889 on almshouse, but found that at taxes were due in 1890 in the name of the city of Roanoke and asked that the matter be referred to the city solicitor. He also recommends the approval of certain appointments made in the police force and his report was adopted.

The reports from the city engineer, city sergeant, clerk of the market, and the keeper of the almshouse were read and filed.

Mr. Fox, of the finance committee, reported a recommendation that the resignation of T. R. Tillett as collector of delinquent taxes be accepted and that he should report to the auditor in detail all collections made by him and that a book should be purchased and a competent man engaged to transcribe the delinquent tax lists into this book at a cost of \$25. He also recommended the election of some one to fill the place made vacant by Mr. Tillett's resignation and that the man so elected should be required to give bond in sum of \$1,000 to be approved by Council.

The rules were then suspended and Mr. Page nominated I. M. Andrews, Dr. Strickland nominated A. J. Davis and Clerk Thomas read a letter from L. M. Deyler asking to be considered an applicant. On taking the vote it stood as follows: Andrews, 9, Davis 5, and Deyler 3.

Under a suspension of the rules the Roanoke Electric Light and Power Company's acceptance of the contract for lighting the city was accepted.

The finance committee further recommended the payment of bill for subscription of paper referred to them from city engineer but recommended that the bill for postoffice box be not allowed. They also recommended the supplementing of appropriations as follows: Fire, \$2,000; streets, \$2,000; public property, \$1,000; bridges, \$1,000. They recommended that a petition from J. P. Spindle and A. L. Johnson to be relieved of certain taxes be granted but reported adversely petitions of J. M. Williams and W. D. Stone in regard to certain taxes.

The finance committee further reported that after being advised by the city solicitor they recommended the payments of warrants held by Dyer, Vaughan & Company after certain deductions had been made. They reported adversely in regard to licensing collecting agency. They further recommended that the city and auditor be instructed to ascertain what proportion of the delinquent taxes that had been collected was due the school board and that the auditor should make voucher for the same. They also presented the bond of Treasurer C. W. Thomas for \$40,000 which had been approved by the city solicitor. They recommended further that warrant, issued to Chief Dyer for M. C. Morris for \$5 having been lost a duplicate be issued. The report of the committee was adopted.

Mr. Page, of the committee on accounts, reported bills approved amounting to \$8,563.

Mr. Mays, of the committee on public property, recommended that the committee be authorized to make an agreement with the city sergeant to pay a pro rata cost of heating and lighting the jail; also recommended that a new bicycle be purchased for the police force at a cost not exceeding \$50 to be charged to police account. They further recommended that the committee be instructed to purchase property in the southeast section of the city for a stone quarry at a cost of \$1,000. They also recommended that the city engineer be instructed to employ an assistant janitor for the courthouse at a cost of \$15 per month. They recommended that the trees in the City Cemetery be trimmed at a cost of \$37.50 and they further recommended that they be authorized to expend \$100 more than the sum heretofore authorized for the fire department. This report was also adopted.

Mr. Buckner, of the fire and water committee, recommended that the matter of securing bids on hose and other appliances for the fire department, be referred back to the committee which was adopted.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Buckner moved that Messrs. Stras and Fishburne be exempt from rental of Old Opera House for religious purposes which was unanimously carried.

Mr. Fox offered a resolution to pay off the city employees on Christmas eve, and Mr. Guy's amendment to instruct the city treasurer to pay any such warrants having been accepted by Mr. Fox, this motion was carried with only one dissenting vote.

The committee on schools and education through Mr. Evans recommended that the city solicitor be asked if the city was bound by a contract to buy the Smith building.

On motion of Mr. Buckner Council adjourned until next Tuesday night.

## AN ALARMING RUMOR.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—It is stated on good authority to-night that December wheat has been cornered.

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JOHN D. SCOTT, M. D., and D. D. S., corner of Third avenue and Third street n. e., Roanoke, Va. Phone 416. Office hours: From 8 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 5 p. m.; 6 to 9 p. m.

Holiday goods in endless variety at the E. H. Stewart Furniture Company.

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## THE TAX BILL IN COMMITTEE.

Standing Committees of Both Houses Named Yesterday.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 7.—In the house of delegates to-day an hour was consumed in discussing the delinquent tax bill, after which it was referred to the committee on courts of justice. During its consideration numerous amendments were offered. The committee is expected to act at once on the bill and amendments and report back to the house.

The standing committees for both branches of the general assembly were announced to-day. Below are the most important chairmanships:

Senate—Committee on privileges and elections, Senator Flood; courts of justice, Senator McIlwaine; general laws, Senator Sands; roads and navigation, Senator Maynard; finance and banks, Senator Fairfax; public institutions and education, Senator Morris; counties, cities and towns, Senator Mushback; agriculture, manufacturing and mining, Senator St. Clair; fish and game, Senator Le Cato.

House—Committee on privileges and elections, Delegate Parker; courts of justice, Delegate Saunders; schools and colleges, Delegate Booker; roads and navigation, Delegate Pilcher; finance, Delegate Cooke; claims, Delegate Hatcher; militia and police, Delegate Thomas; asylums and prisons, Delegate Winston; agriculture and mining, Delegate Walker.

## PAPAL REVENUES FAILING.

Marked Falling Off in the Receipts of Peter's Pence.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—A cable from Rome to the Globe-Democrat says there has been a marked falling off in the receipt of Peter's pence, which constitutes the main source of the papal revenues. It is therefore proposed at the Vatican to cause to be placed in every Catholic Church throughout the world a statute of St. Peter, together with an alms-box, and appropriate inscription for the collection of Peter's pence.

The United States was formerly among the largest contributors, but its offerings have fallen off sadly in late years. It is believed here that the suggestion mentioned will be contained in the encyclical which the holy father is expected to issue on January 1 next, when he will quietly and without pomp celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of his consecration as a priest and of the celebration of his first mass.

Leo XIII was so much struck by the lack of sympathy displayed both at home and abroad on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary, in 1893, of his consecration as a bishop, as contrasted with the enthusiasm and splendor which characterized the jubilee in 1888 of his ordination as a priest, that he has discontinued all festivities and rejoicings in honor of the forthcoming anniversary.

## SPECIAL RIBBON NOTICE.

On THURSDAY we open a large lot of All-Silk Moire Ribbons, in twenty different colors, at a SPECIAL PRICE. Come down Thursday for a surprise. PALAIS ROYAL, 101 Salem avenue, M. Ludorsky, proprietor.

## McKENNA WILL BE CONFIRMED.

Californians Will Not Oppose His Elevation to the Supreme Bench.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The opposition to the confirmation of Joseph McKenna as associate justice of the United States supreme court will meet with but little encouragement from the California delegation in Congress, the representatives feeling that State pride should govern them. They say that while Mr. McKenna cannot be regarded as the greatest exponent of law in the world, he is at the same time competent to discharge the duties on the supreme bench.

Senator Stephen M. White, a Democrat, is not inclined to discuss the question, but is known that he does not intend to oppose confirmation.

George C. Perkins, the Republican Senator from California, said last night that he saw nothing in the petition forwarded from Oregon protesting against Mr. McKenna's appointment to change an opinion formed when the intention of the President to make this promotion was first announced. The Californians arriving here deny that any concerted movement will be made in their State against the appointment of Mr. McKenna.

## COTTON MILL MEN PUZZLED.

Bothering Their Brains for a Plan to Shut Out the South.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 7.—The Arkwright Club, the New England cotton manufacturers' organization, has appointed a committee to investigate the cotton manufacturing business of the Southern States for the purpose of securing definite and reliable information on the subject in as much detail as possible. It is recognized that Southern competition is largely responsible for the demoralized condition of the local print cloth market.

It has been suggested here that the Northern and Southern mills link their interests, or, in other words, form a trust; but one great obstacle in the way of thus relieving the situation is the difference between the cost of manufacture in the South and New England.

WE ALWAYS advertise what we have and sell what we advertise. How could we do otherwise? To prove this there is but one remedy—call and see for yourself the great stock of manufacturers' samples of suits and overcoats which we are selling at astonishing low prices. SCHILLER, 28 Salem avenue.

Examine the Virginia Carriage Factory

## MRS. McKINLEY STILL LIVES.

Death Appears to be Only a Question of a Few Hours.

Canton, O., Dec. 7.—The condition of "Mother" McKinley this morning was unchanged. There has been no perceptible rally from the last collapse, which has continued longer than any of the earlier ones.

Her physicians say she is growing weaker every moment and that they can scarcely dare to hope that she will last through the day.

President McKinley and his party arrived from Washington at 8:45 o'clock this morning.

The Times printed a telegram Sunday morning saying that Mrs. McKinley was dead. Several other papers were victimized in the same way. We received our news from the Union Associated Press, of New York, and had no reason to believe it was incorrect, and printed it accordingly.

## TRADING STAMPS ILLEGAL.

Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia So Declares.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The court of appeals of the District of Columbia handed down a decision this afternoon declaring "trading stamps" to be illegal.

Gustav Lausburgh, a prominent merchant of this city, and Joseph A. Sperry, one of the proprietors of the Trading Stamp Company, were fined \$500 in the lower court for engaging in a gift enterprise, which was in violation of the anti-lottery law, and this conviction was confirmed by the court of appeals to-day.

## RUDINI'S RULE IN ITALY.

His Old Cabinet Resigning, He Will Form a New One.

Rome, Dec. 7.—Premier Rudini was yesterday intrusted by King Humbert with the formation of a new cabinet. Rudini's old cabinet formally resigned this morning. The resignation of General Pelloux, the minister of war, which precipitated the cabinet crisis, was ostensibly because the deputies amended Pelloux's bill for army reforms, but the real reason of Pelloux's resignation was a political move to bring about a crisis to oust the minister of justice, finance and public works, who formed one clique in the cabinet. Rudini succeeded Crispi last year.

## AGREEMENT BROKEN.

New York, Dec. 7.—Two hundred coat makers struck to-day in the shops of five contractors because they were required to return to the task system, each operator to make thirty coats for one day's wages—\$1. This exaction is contrary to an agreement made with the Brotherhood of Tailors, of which the strikers were members.

## SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Charles R. Baker, employed by the Postal Telegraph Company, to-day brought suit against his wife for divorce. She is a well-known pianist and the possessor of many prizes. He names T. S. Templeton, a prominent board of trade man, as co-respondent.

## CIVIL WAR THREATENS SPAIN.

Madrid, Dec. 7.—The government has sent detachments of troops to search the region between the provinces of Valencia and Castello, and the district around Morilla, where the earliest agitation is most active.

## CUBAN PATRIOT DEAD.

New York, Dec. 7.—Carlos Borelles, a Cuban patriot, died to-day in a private hospital from gunshot wounds received in fighting with the insurgents in 1895. He had been under surgical treatment for more than a year.

## GRAVEYARD THIEVES.

Northville, L. I., Dec. 7.—Marked ribbons stolen from floral pieces in the cemetery here were recognized upon the dress of several young women to-day. Some sensational arrests will be made.

## CANADIAN SPORT.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Peter W. Latham, champion professional racket player of the world, defeated Percy Ashworth, former amateur champion of Great Britain, four out of seven games here to-day.

## A DEAD MURDERER.

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Charles Burgess was electrocuted in the prison here at 10 o'clock this morning, for the murder of Henry V. Whitlock in August, 1895.

## A BAD DECISION.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 7.—Judge Horace Buck, of the supreme court, suicided early this morning by shooting.

## BEHR BROS' PIANO AT A SACRIFICE.

A magnificent Behr Bros. upright piano in a beautiful case, only in use a few months, almost good as new, can be bought at a real sacrifice on easy payments, at Hobbie Piano Co. Call quick.

NO MATTER how low you can get your suit or overcoat elsewhere, we can always duplicate the same class of goods for very much less.

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For the best COAL AND WOOD go to Earman & Flippo, 108 Salem ave. s. w. Phones 68.

Another big shipment of Lowney's world famous Bon Bons and Chocolates, 50 cents per pound, put up in attractive boxes at Catag's.

Don't fail to attend the fire sale at Enock's Bazaar. Goods slightly damaged by smoke to be sold

## NEVER WAS HIS WIFE.

Mary Ann Fails in Her Fight for Gould's Millions.

THE CASE WAS FORMALLY WITHDRAWN AND THE PLAINTIFF MADE A STATEMENT THAT SHE NEVER MARRIED THE FAMOUS MILLIONAIRE—THE END OF A SUIT WHICH PROMISED TO BE SENSATIONAL.

New York, Dec. 7.—The celebrated action brought against the heirs of Jay Gould by Mary Ann Angell, who claimed that she was married to the multi-millionaire in his youth, and demanded a share of his vast estate, met a legal death yesterday. The woman renounced all her claims in a written statement produced in court. Thus ended a case which, because of enormous sums involved and the prominence of the parties concerned, commanded wide attention. At one time it looked ominous for the heirs.

The case came up before Justice Freedman. Helen and Frank Gould were present in court, and Mrs. Margaret F. Cody, who is supposed to have some connection with the plaintiff's side of the litigation. Miss Gould talked very little, sitting nearly all the while with her eyes fixed on the witness in the chair, and intently following the course of her counsel as he gradually drew admission after admission, showing how she and other members of her family had been made the objects of a plot.

Miss Angell was not present, but she was represented by her counsel, Walter E. Ward, of Ward & Cameron, Albany. Mrs. Cody attempted to submit an affidavit to the court, but Justice Freedman did not recognize her standing in the case.

Elihu Root, leading counsel for the Gould heirs, outlined the progress of the case, referred to the bulky depositions, which have been taken in several States, and asserted that it was shown overwhelmingly that at the time of the alleged marriage Jay Gould was at his home in Delaware county, this State, and was never in the town of Rousse's Point. It was further shown that the plaintiff's mother had declared that her daughter had never married anyone by the name of Gould, but had married a man by the name of De Rousse, and that the plaintiff herself had declared that she had never married Gould.

Mrs. Cody was placed upon the witness stand and acknowledged the authorship of a couple of letters written by her to members of the Gould family, relative to Mrs. Angell's claim.

The following statement, sworn to by Mrs. Angell before a Clinton county notary, was submitted in evidence:

"I, Sarah Angell, otherwise known as Sarah F. Angell, authorize Walter E. Ward, of Ward & Cameron, to appear and state for me in open court at the trial of this action what is the fact, that I was never married to Jay Gould or to any man of that name, or to any man named Jason Gould.

Mr. Root then made a formal motion for a verdict in favor of the defense, which the court at once decided.

## BRYAN MAKES A CRITICISM.

Says McKinley Wants to Turn Over Issues of Paper Money to Banks.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 7.—William Jennings Bryan reached here yesterday and left with a party of friends for Lake Surprise to hunt ducks. The party will be gone three or four days. Mr. Bryan expressed himself as follows on the President's message:

"The message indicates an intention on the part of the President to aid in turning the issue of paper money over to the national banks, and in the meantime a purpose to give gold a further superiority over silver money."

## HIS LAST FIGHT.

London, Dec. 7.—Crocket, the English bantam weight pugilist, who was knocked out by Barry, of Chicago, last night, died this morning of concussion of the brain.

A COMFORTABLE SUIT or overcoat would make a good Christmas present. You can get one at SCHILLER'S manufacturers' sample sale. Guarantees a saving of \$3 to \$4 on each. 28 Salem avenue.

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